1120 Stakeholders

We are pleased to announce that we are posting the production version of the Tax Year (TY) 2004 XML schemas (Version 2004v**4.0)** and Business Rules that we refer to as Release 3.1 on our website. These schemas contain the legislative changes from HR4520 since the December 13, 2004 posting.

Please note that you should still plan to use Version 2004v**3.0** to submit production returns when we go live on January 10, 2005. We will announce when 2004v**4.0** has been installed into production.

Version 2004v**3.0** will be installed and available in ATS on January 6, 2005 for returns sent in through EMS. The RUP will not be available for ATS until January 10, 2005. You must begin using 2004v**3.0** then for testing purposes since 2004v2.0 will no longer be valid.

XML Schemas
The schemas we are presenting you today are the production Tax Year 2004 XML schemas for all forms and schedules for 1120/1120S. The schemas are version **4.0** (2004v**4.0**) and can be found on the irs.gov website in the **Production System** table at http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html. Also included are the "Diff Files" that show changes from the December 13, 2004 posting.

TY2003V23 (with change page) is still shown in the Production System table since they are valid and can be used to process Tax Year 2003 returns. IRS plans to maintain TY2003V23 for the next two years.

Note: Form 3468 was previously listed as one of the forms to be restricted for Version 2004v**3.0** due to HR4520. Form 3468 will only have verbiage change on the form but there is no impact to the schema; therefore, it is included in Version 2004v**3.0**.

Business Rules
Business Rules for Release 3.1 version **4.0** (2004v**4.0**) are also being posted today in two different formats – a MS Word file and a comma separated file (.csv) that contains the very same information. A column in the file identifies the changes made from the last posted version to help you identify the changes that were made. The business rules are posted under the **Production System** table at http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html.

Each business rule file is assigned the same version number that is assigned to the schemas to which the rules apply. The current schemas and rules files are assigned version number 2004 Version **4.0** (2004v**4.0**).

As with the XML schemas TY2003V23 is also available for the Business Rules in the Production System table for the 2003 returns currently being filed.

Form 7004

We are also pleased to announce that we are posting the Release 3.1 schemas and business rules version 2004v**4.0** for Form 7004, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File Corporation Income Tax Return, which is due to be implemented in January 2005.

As always if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the Topica group or the ETA 1120 Team at 1120@irs.gov. You can also contact Xan Ostro at (202) 283-7697 or Joan Barr from the ETA team at (202) 283-2572. For questions on 7004, you can contact Thelma McConkey from the ETA team at (202) 283-4853.